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REVEAL CZECH PARTISANS, REFUGEES ACTIVE

PARTISANS EFFECTIVE IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA -- La Guinee Francaise, No 4033, 29 Apr 50

Since the Czechoslovak government recently succeeded in capturing the chief of the Slovak partisans, it is now possible to reveal his name. He was Major Zingor, a member of the Communist Party until 1947, and one of the official leaders of the partisans during World War II. His Communism, however, like that of his comrades in arms, was more concerned with social justice than with Stalinist doctrine.

The partisans, who have benefited from experiences gained during the occupation and who use weapons which they have saved, have been able to achieve some notable successes. They have succeeded in establishing more or less regular passages from the frontier to the US zone of Germany. Some of them go abroad for a brief period and return with carefully studied plans of action.

One of these groups, under the leadership of the student Choc, last summer assassinated Major Sram, at that time the most powerful man in the Czechoslovak secret police. Choc himself, who was captured and executed, was a popular Socialist, but he had several members of the Communist Party among his collaborators. This is all the more interesting because Sram was killed not only because he had betrayed the partisan movement, but also because, according to the belief of his killers, he had personally assassinated Minister of Foreign Affairs Jan Masaryk.

The decision to avenge the assessination of a national hero, who was not exactly a Communist, proves very clearly that the patriotism of the partisans is at least as strong as their Communism.

ALLEGE COMMUNIST SPY RING IN MUNICH -- Svobodny Zitrek, No 14, 5 Feb 50

Suddeutsche-Zeitung reports a Communist espionage center in Munich /see 00-W-10014/. The existence of this center has been proven by several espionage cases in the US occupation courts. The Suddeutsche-Zeitung mentioned

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the fact that agents from Prague meet at the inn of the former Yugoslav citizen, Smrcek, on the Steingasse. The proprietor of the inn has made it known that he is not a Yugoslav citizen, but a Czechoslovak political refugee; he declares that Communist agents do not meet at his inn.

There is assurance from other sources that Smrcek complies with the wishes of the refugees and supports them according to need. The quotation from the Suddeutsche-Zeitung was to draw attention to the omnipresence of Communist agents and to urge utmost caution on the part of Czechoslovak refugees, rather than impugning the honor of Smrcek.

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